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SUBJECT: KARZAI'S JULY 12 ELECTION MEETING

Classified By: Ambassador Carney by reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (SBU) SUMMARY and COMMENT. President Karzai's 12 July weekly meeting on election security produced the unwelcome news that polling center r
2. (U) On 12 July President Karzai's weekly election security meeting included his Foreign, Interior, and Defense Ministers; NDS Intelligence
3. (SBU) Discussion heavily centered on the agenda item calling for security assessment of the nearly 7,000 polling centers. The Defense Minis  
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things that benefit the Taliban."
4. (SBU) DSRSG Galbraith cast doubt on the possibility of using, much less securing, all of the polling centers. He had just visited Khost whe
5. (U) Ambassador Eikenberry noted the need to complete the surveying of all the polling centers in order to establish the facts and develop f
6. (U) The need for women security checkers has apparently been resolved. Professor Lodin said that a total of 28,000 male and female searcher
7. (SBU) The Interior Minister also raised his earlier remarks about a "controversial map" that questioned assumptions about safe areas. He cc  
a) deploy forces to secure priority (not all) districts;  
b) Organize community leaders. Something that can work is the U.S. is willing to help with financing. Without such U.S. resources,  
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MOI would do what it could. President Karzai interjected that Atmar should take "our resources," that he understood \$1.5M would be necessary an
8. (C) Continuing on the issue of contacting the local community for election security assistance, the President accepted COMISAF's offer of s
9. (SBU) Other electoral needs came under discussion with Minister Atmar noting exchanges at the 11 July election security rehearsal that put
10. (C) The President turned to the military situation in Helmand province, noting that the Afghan army is not visible and questioning the Def
11. (SBU) Further discussion on Helmand included the DSRSG's observation that the flow of internally displaced is less than initially feared.
12. (C) In other developments NDS Chief Saleh stated that the Pakistan Army has said they are ready to mediate between Mullah Omar and the U.S  
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Afghanistan.
13. (SBU) COMISAF noted that ISAF forces had entered the embattled district of Barg-e Metal (Pakistan border, northernmost district in Nurista
14. (U) President Karzai noted an agenda for the 19 July meeting would be out by Thursday, 16 July.  
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